Mountain Weather Forecast

Yorkshire Dales National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 07 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 08 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 06 Jan 2023 at 15:02

Confidence: Milder air and rain on Saturday is soon replaced by a showery, westerly with some summit sleet on Sunday. Then remaining colder until midweek when further mild air and rain returns. Often very windy on the hills with gales and little chance of a completely dry day in this period. Lower confidence in the details of amounts of showers and timing of heaviest rain.

Headline for Saturday 07 Jan 2023: A wet morning with heavy rain at times but becoming drier and brighter for a time later in the afternoon, southwesterly gales later.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 07 Jan 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m

Time	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
	Light rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Sunny intervals	Light rain showers (night)	Light rain showers (night)
Precipitation probability								
	50%	70%	80%	80%	40%	40%	40%	40%

Forecast for Saturday 07 Jan 2023

Weather: Rain overnight will be light at first but becoming heavier towards dawn. A wet morning is likely with some difficult conditions on the hills before the rain begins to ease and clear early in the afternoon, with some drier spells developing. Winds will gradually ease as the rain clears but still fresh or strong and strengthening again during the evening with summit gales later. Some bright or sunny spells through the late afternoon but a few showers developing and they may turn wintry around the highest tops like Ingleborough and Whernside during the afternoon and evening, some drier periods can be expected too.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 40% early in the day, improving to 70% by mid afternoon as rainband clears east but showers may reduce the chance in the afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Broken or overcast layers of low cloud above 400m in the morning, especially in the west, around more eastern hills cloud may be more scattered and with a slightly higher base around 500m. Visibility will be moderate or poor at times in rain during the morning but soon improving good by early afternoon. By afternoon low cloud will thin and bases will lift above the summits. Visibility will dip poor again in showers especially if they are wintry on the summits but this will be temporary.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	30/42 S	31/42 S	29/42 S	20/29 S	19/28 SW	20/30 S	23/35 SW	27/39 S	26/39 SW
300	18/38 S	17/35 S	18/38 S	12/26 S	12/25 SW	12/27 S	16/33 SW	17/37 S	17/35 S
Valley	15/35 S	16/37 S	15/33 S	9/21 S	8/19 S	11/26 S	13/29 S	15/34 S	15/33 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	7/2	7/2	7/2	6/2	5/0	4/-1	3/-4	2/-5	3/-4
300	9/6	9/6	9/5	8/5	7/4	6/3	5/0	4/-0	5/0
Valley	11/8	11/8	10/7	9/7	8/6	8/5	6/3	6/2	6/3
Freezing Level*	1800m	1900m	1800m	1600m	1200m	1100m	900m	1000m	1000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Gales at height early in the day and later, otherwise widespread strong winds. Notice the significant windchill later as freezing level dips towards summits later.

Recent rainfall: measured at Malham: altitude 375m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
15:00 on Fri 06 Jan 2023	8mm	15.4mm	35.2mm

Forecast for Sunday 08 Jan 2023

Weather: Showers or outbreaks of rain in the morning driven in on fresh or strong southwesterly winds, summit gales. Some dry and bright weather too and likely to be less showers during the afternoon and evening. Showers may be sleety on the highest summits like Whernside.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 20-25mph with gusts 30-35mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 60%, low cloud thickening in association with showers.

Low Cloud and visibility: Scattered low cloud layers above 600m especially in the south around showers, some gaps in the cloud developing in brighter spells and some nice views possible but visibility turning quite poor if showers clump together or turn wintry on summits.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 8 Celsius.
At 600m: Plus 2 falling to 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1000m falling to 800m

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